



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Railroad  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Joseph Durso  
MuckRock News  
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Re: FRA File No: FOIA-19-255

Dear Mr. Durso:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for the Regional Transportation District Commuter Rail (RTDC) Emergency Preparedness Plan.

The enclosed RTDC Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness Plan is in accordance with the FOIA.

No fee has been assessed for the document considering the minimal cost incurred in providing you with it.

It is FRA's policy to withhold personal information of individuals from the enclosed material because such information constitutes sensitive, personal, and private information. Therefore, pursuant to the FOIA, the individuals' name, signature, and phone information have been exempted from disclosure by exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which exempts personnel and medical and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

You may appeal this decision to the Administrator,

Federal Railroad Administration,  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

According to the FOIA statute, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(A)(i)(III)(aa), your appeal must be submitted in writing within ninety days of the date of this letter. Per the Department's FOIA regulations, 49 C.F.R. Part 7, your appeal must:

- Indicate that it is an appeal under FOIA
- Include all arguments and information upon which you rely, and
- The envelope in which the appeal is sent must be prominently marked, "FOIA Appeal."

If you have any questions regarding your FOIA request, you may contact me at [FRAFOIA@dot.gov](mailto:FRAFOIA@dot.gov). You may also contact FRA's FOIA Public Liaison, Timothy Barkley, Director of the Office of Public Engagement, at (202) 493-1305 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is below:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

Email - [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone - 202-741-5770 or 1-877-684-6448  
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Since FRA has no additional information responsive to your request, I am closing your file in this office.

Sincerely,

Okechi Chigewe  
Government Information Specialist

Enclosure